

You must not deregulate the broadcast airwaves further. Media monopolization is destructive of our democracy by limiting the range of points of view available to the public. We already see the results of this in today's media - to deregulate further would make things vastly worse. No one, no matter what their politics or point of view, should have monopoly, or near monopoly, of the airwaves. The fact that the internet exists does not change this, as a large percentage of our population still gets their primary news from TV and radio, and will probably continue to do so since these mediums, by virtue of their limited number of channels, give to many a sense of 'what the nation is thinking'. On the other hand, the level of distrust of the major media is directly correlated to the limited spectrum of views presented there, which greater concentration of ownership would limit further. This is a basic issue of American democracy, that of having an informed electorate and open debate for all sides of an issue. The concentration of media has already gone way too far - you must consider the far-reaching implications more concentration could have further down the road. This is an important decision before you, and it is vital for our country that you make the decision which is in the public interest, and in the best interests of our democracy.

Thank you